

CAPSULE SUMMARY

BA-3060

Goodwood-Hyde Park African American Survey District

Essex

Baltimore County, MD

1920-1990 ca

The Goodwood-Hyde Park African American Survey District is located southeast of Essex in the Fifteenth District of Baltimore County. Beginning as a suburban retreat for Baltimore City residents, Essex was platted in 1909 by the Taylor Land Company. By 1931, approximately 22,800 people resided in the Essex-Middle River area. The Hopkins Atlas of 1877 shows Hyde Park as a rural landscape. Very few additions were made between 1877 and 1915 at the time of the Bromley Atlas. The 1990 U.S. Census lists a total of 343 African Americans in the Goodwood-Hyde Park neighborhood.

The Goodwood Avenue and Hyde Park African American Survey District is a cohesive residential area with the addition of one church, the First Apostolistic Faith Church. These two large suburban neighborhoods contain a total of approximately 50 historic and 200 non-historic buildings. Architecturally, the Goodwood Avenue area north of Hyde Park primarily dates to the 1950s, whereas, Hyde Park is an older neighborhood dating from the 1930s. The Goodwood Avenue area contains primarily cape cods, ranch dwellings, and split-level houses. Within Hyde Park are bungalows, ranch dwellings, cottages, T-plans, L-plans, Cape Cods, and split-level dwellings. Many of the dwellings are wood-frame construction clad or re-clad either with aluminum siding, vinyl siding, or asbestos shingles.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Goodwood-Hyde Park African American Survey District
other

2. Location

street and number Goodwood Ave., Maple Ave., Kent Rd., Sussex Rd. not for publication
city, town Essex vicinity
county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name multiple ownership
street and number telephone Not Available
city, town state zip code

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse tax map and parcel: tax map 97
city, town Towson liber folio

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report
☐ Other

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	50 200
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	50 200
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			0

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Located to the southeast of Essex, Goodwood Avenue and Hyde Park is situated on a small peninsula on Back River and Middle River in the Fifteenth District of Baltimore County. This community is one of two African American enclaves in Essex, the other is on Hopewell Avenue lying to the north off Back River Neck Road. Goodwood Avenue and Hyde Park is an isolated neighborhood bordered by Back River to the north, Muddy Gut Creek to the east, and Middle River to the south and west.

The Goodwood Avenue and Hyde Park African American Survey District is an entirely residential area with the addition of one church, the First Apostolic Faith Church. These two large suburban neighborhoods contain a total of approximately 50 historic and 200 non-historic buildings. According to the Middle River USGS map a total of forty one buildings were constructed between 1969 and 1985. The area consists of level and grassy regularly-sized lots surrounded by trees and shrubs. Many of the lots have paved driveways and detached garages and sheds. A number of the properties are enclosed with chain link fences. The set back from the streets is varied throughout. Dwellings along Galena Road or Cedar Avenue are sited close to the water.

Architecturally, the Goodwood Avenue area north of Hyde Park primarily dates to the 1950s, whereas, Hyde Park is an older neighborhood dating from the 1930s. The Goodwood Avenue area contains primarily cape cods, ranch dwellings, and split-level houses. Within Hyde Park are bungalows, ranch dwellings, cottages, T-plans, L-plans, Cape Cods, and split-level dwellings. Many of the dwellings are wood-frame construction clad or re-clad either with aluminum siding, vinyl siding, or asbestos shingles.

The Goodwood-Hyde Park Survey District is a cohesive suburban residential neighborhood isolated from other neighborhoods due to its location on Back River and Muddy Gut. Contributing to its isolation there are several dead-end streets in the survey district. The area contains mostly level grassy lots surrounded by trees and shrubs with a several dwellings fronted with foundation plantings. Paved driveways, fenced yards, and detached garages are common throughout the neighborhood. Houses are slightly set back from the road which gives some of the properties a sizeable front yard. The properties on Galena Road and Cedar Avenue differ from the rest of the community by siting their houses to the rear of the lots directly on the water. The small streets are all paved however they lack sidewalks.

The First Apostolic Faith Church stands within the survey district at 1322 Goodwood Avenue and dates to circa 1950. Simple and modest in size and style, this vernacular church is one-story high, measures three bays wide and three bays deep. It is wood-frame construction capped with a front-gable roof. Originally, the church had a steeple, which has been removed except for its wood-frame base. A front-gable vestibule addition covers the full-width of the façade and is constructed of parged concrete blocks. The original building is re-clad with asbestos shingles and rests on a parged foundation. Architectural features include overhanging eaves, an interior-end concrete-block chimney, and shed-roof additions on the rear and southeast elevations.

An example of a 1920s Cape Cod dwelling stands at 1441 Kent Avenue in Hyde Park. This one-and-a-half story wood-frame dwelling measures three bays across featuring an off-center entry. It is re-clad with formstone and capped with a side-gable roof featuring two gable-roof dormers. Features of the house include an exterior-end brick chimney, 3/1 wood-sash windows, a front-gable roof attached garage addition, and a gable-roof portico over the entry on the façade. The foundation is no longer visible due to the formstone cladding.

An example of a T-plan dwelling stands at 1558 Galena Road dating from the 1930s. Resting on a parged foundation, this wood-frame house is one-story high and three bays wide with a front projecting bay. An interior brick chimney rises above the cross-gable roof, and the house is re-clad with vinyl siding. An imposing side-gable-roof addition dating to the 1980s was constructed on the rear elevation. It stands two-stories high and measures four bays wide. The fabric of the original 1930s house has not been compromised with this large addition.

The house at 1447 Kent Avenue is another example of a modest Cape Cod. It rises one-and-a-half stories high, measures three

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bays wide, and is covered with a side-gable roof. Features include an exterior-end half-shouldered brick chimney, a center entry, 6/6 wood-sash windows, and a gable roof projecting bay. It rests on a parged brick foundation and is reclad with asbestos shingles.

A second example of a bungalow in the survey district stands at the 1462 Kent Road at the corner of Galena Road. One-and-a-half stories in height and three bays wide, it rests on a parged foundation, is wood-frame construction, and is capped with a side-gable roof. The dwelling is reclad with German vinyl siding and features an enclosed inset porch on the façade. It has a shed-roof dormer on the façade, and also features an exterior-end brick corbeled chimney.

Dating to 1951, one cottage example stands along the water at 1450 Galena Road. Rising one-and-a-half stories high this building measures three bays across and is covered with a hipped roof. Constructed of concrete blocks, it features a central entrance, an exterior-end concrete-block chimney, and gable-roof dormers on each elevation.

Examples of 1970s ranch houses stand at 1311, 1315, and 1317 Goodwood Avenue. These houses all are one-story high, four or five bays wide, rest on poured concrete foundations, and are capped with side-gable roofs.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates 1920-1990s

Architect/Builder Unknown

Construction dates 1920-1990s

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

HISTORY

The Goodwood-Hyde Park African American Survey District is located southeast of Essex in the Fifteenth District of Baltimore County. The area is sited on a small peninsula surrounded by Muddy Gut to the north and east, Back River to the south, Walnut Grove Road to the west.

Beginning as a suburban retreat for Baltimore City residents, Essex was platted in 1909 by the Taylor Land Company. Ten blocks long and two blocks wide, Essex was centered between Mace and Marlyn Avenues. Each of the lots measured fifty feet by one hundred forty-five feet. In 1915, when the Eastern Rolling Mill located a plant at the head of the Back River, the community grew dramatically. The excellent economy from the mill attracted many families to the area, thus filling up the lots and expanding the community of Essex. A few of the suburb's amenities and services included a fire station built in 1915 and an elementary school opened in 1925. By 1931, approximately 22,800 people resided in the Essex-Middle River area.(1)

The Hopkins Atlas of 1877 shows Hyde Park as a rural landscape. Slightly northwest of the Hyde Park area is a farm owned by Scott Wilhelm called Walnut Grove.(2) Very few additions were made between 1877 and 1915 at the time of the Bromley Atlas. Walnut Grove is labeled as well as Hyde Farm. Hyde Farm totaled 106 acres and was owned by J. Bauern Schmidt. A group of residences are situated off Back River Neck Road where the Hyde Park dirt road intersects.(3)

The 1990 U.S. Census lists a total of 343 African Americans in the Goodwood-Hyde Park neighborhood.(4)

OWNERSHIP AS OF DECEMBER 9, 2002

First Apostolic Faith Church, Inc. -- tax id # 1511570050
map 97 parcel 286, lot 38
Baltimore County Courthouse
Liber 5358 Folio 897

ENDNOTES

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2. Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland (Philadelphia, PA: G. M. Hopkins, 1877).
3. Map of Baltimore County (Philadelphia, PA: G. W. Bromley, 1915).

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4. U.S. Bureau of the Census. The Census of 1990, Baltimore County, Maryland. (National Archives).

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 160.324 acres

Acreage of historical setting unknown

Quadrangle name Middle River, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The Goodwood-Hyde Park African American Survey District is located near the historic town of Essex in the Fifteenth District of Baltimore County. It has historically been associated with tax map 97 parcels 286 and 287 since its development.

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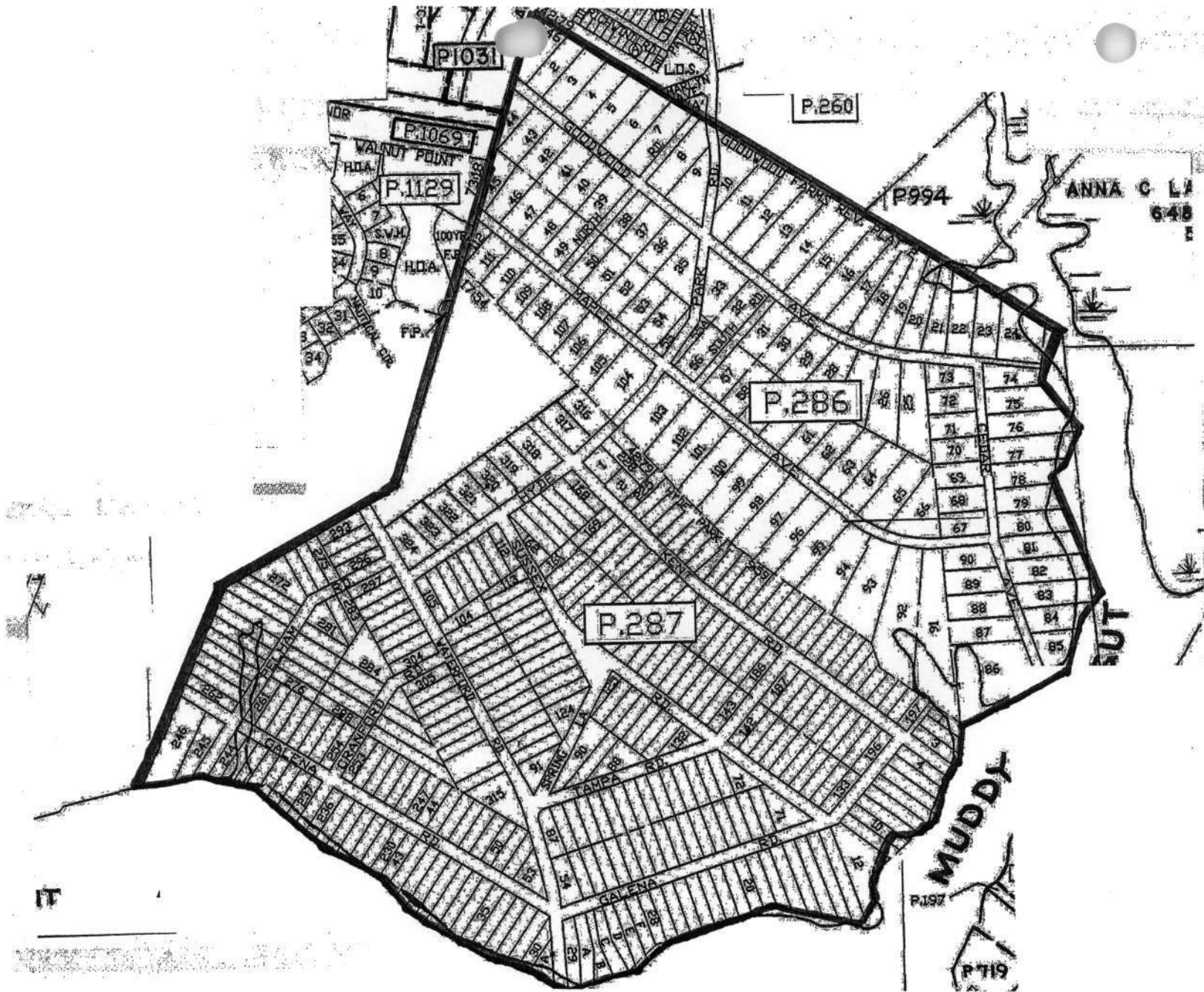
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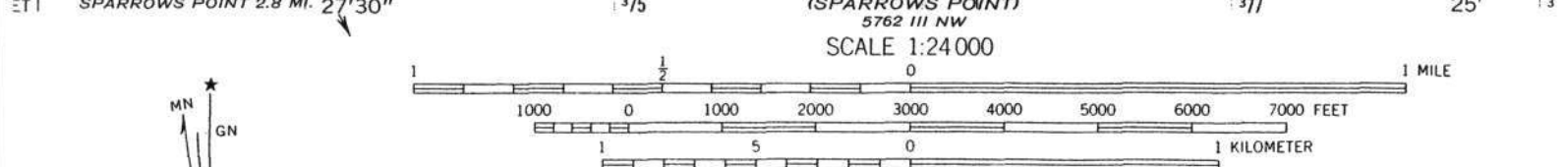
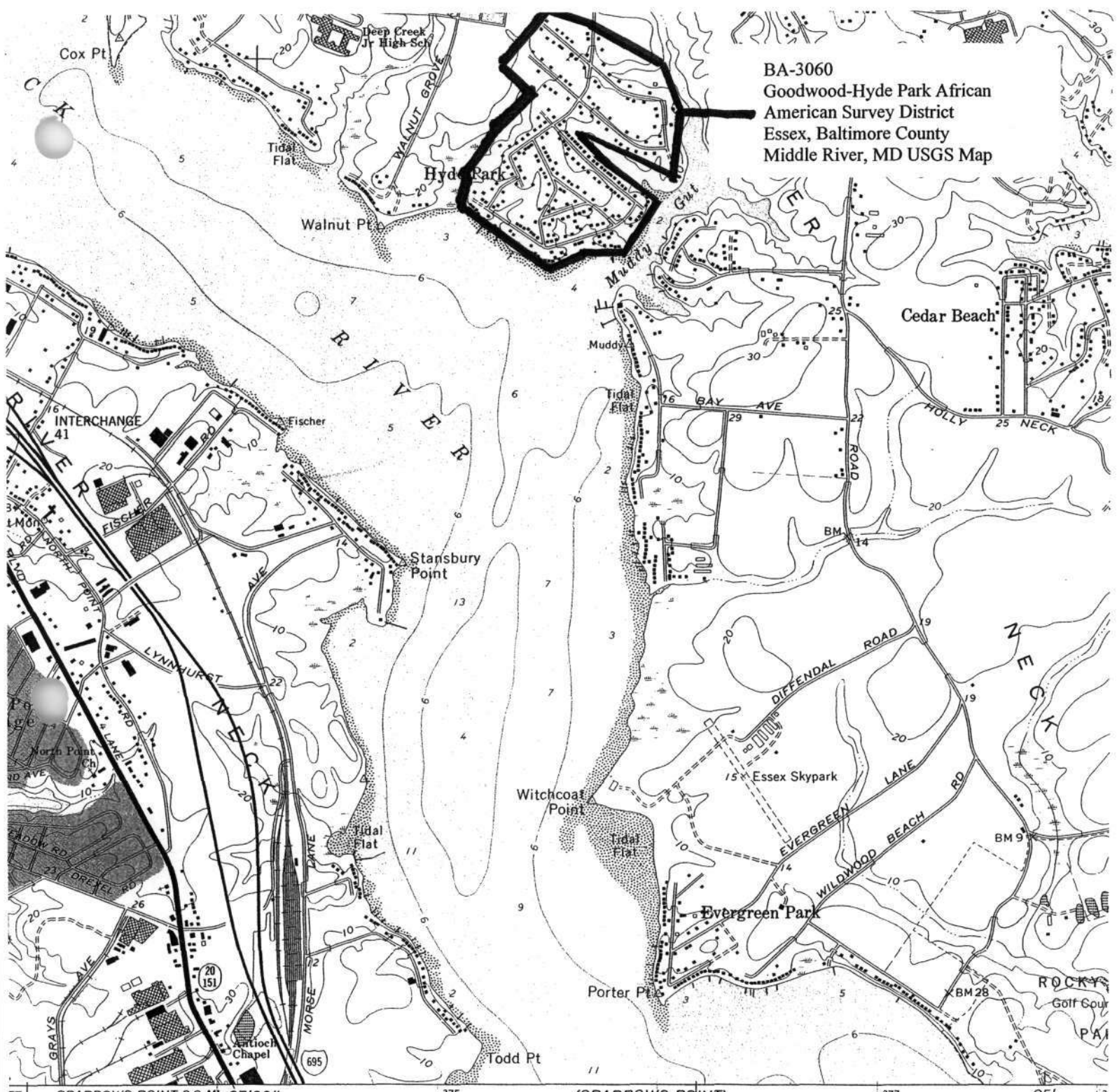
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Sidney, J. C. Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys. Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850.



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 Essex, Baltimore County
 Baltimore County Base Map

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 Middle River, MD USGS Map



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 DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET
 NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929
 DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN FEET—DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER
 THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO DATUMS IS VARIABLE
 SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER
 THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 1.2 FEET

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
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1558 Galena Road, View looking South

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1317-1311 Goodwood Avenue, view looking NW

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